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Form for Evaluating Internet Information Resources

(NOTE: This form is not for evaluating productivity software/sites, simulation games/sites, or educational software/games/sites)

1. URL of Web page being evaluated: <http://www.mindtools.com/CommSkill/PublicSpeaking.htm>
 2. Primary use (students, teacher, parent, other,...): *Students*
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Questions 3-10 are about the site that is hosting your page.

3. Truncate the URL of the Web page. What is the domain name of the Web site?
http://www.mindtools.com
 4. What is the name of Web site? *MindTools*
 5. What is the purpose or goal of this Web site? *"We're here to help you learn the practical, straightforward skills you need to excel in your career."*
 6. What organization or individual created this site? *James Manktelow is the founder and CEO of MindTools.*
 7. What affiliations/purpose/audience do they have that might create a built-in bias toward the information? What is that bias? (Note: every site has bias, you just have to be aware of what that bias is and be prepared to defend it or present information from other viewpoints.) *The bias could be that in their title, they say, "Essential skills for an excellent career." This is not necessarily true by any means because you do not need all of the skills that they have on their site depending on the job that they have. Also you do not need a career in order to use these skills, so they could be alienating people based on their title.*
 8. What other types of organizations link to this site? (Using the Google search engine, type *link:* and the Web site address (example: *link:www.website.com*))

www.quora.com
www.icms.edu.au
www.justanswer.com
www.linkedin.com
www.chacha.com
 9. Is there a way to provide feedback on the Web site and create an exchange with the author or Web site manager? *Yes, there is a "Contact Us" section, although there is no way to get directly in contact with the author or website manager.*
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Questions 10-12 are about the specific page that has information for your project/unit:

10. **Who is the author of the page and does that person have valid credentials to present this information (the creator of the site is not always the author of a page within the site)?** *I could not find the author of the page. Generally it says right on the first page, although after looking around I could not find anything. I am not sure if they have valid credentials to present the information on the page.*
 11. **What other references are cited for the information presented?** *They have a links and site services page which has a lot of links to things that they have talked about on their page.*
 12. **How old is the material on the page? Is it current or outdated (copyright year is not the same as the last update)?** *They are copyrighted from 1996 to present, although I do not see a last updated time or date.*
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Final evaluation questions:

13. **Are there ads linked to the page or the site that might make this page inappropriate for your audience? Are the ads “sticky” or static? If there are no ads, how is this Web site paid for (where do they get their money)?** *No, there are no adds that pop up for other websites. They have a weekly newsletter that goes out, and people need to pay for upgrades for that.*
14. **Is there other content on the site that appears affiliated with the information you’ve selected that might make this page inappropriate** (a Web site with great tutorials on how to make good movies with sections on how to make a documentary, a biography, an infomercial, etc. might also have a tutorial on making an inappropriate movie)? *There is nothing on the website that is inappropriate as far as I can see. Like you said in class, I would try it out on other’s computers and see if anything else pops up.*
15. **How helpful is this site/page to you? Does it have the information you need and feel confident using?** *Yes, this website has a lot of good information, not solely on public speaking, but also on many different other attributes that are good to learn about.*
16. **Describe how this Web site/page might be used in your project/unit:** *I will use this in my product and unit because students will be asked to present their iMovie, and also give a brief outline of what they are doing in the movie in front of the class. They will also need to talk in the video.*
17. **Reviewing your answers above, is this a good page/site to use for your project/unit? Why or why not?** (NOTE: Some questions above may not apply to your page; there is no rule as to how many “correct” answers are needed for a page to be good or what constitutes a “bad” page. You just need to be able to justify your choices and the information above can provide good support.) *This is a good page to visit because it gives a lot of information on public speaking and is helpful for a lot of students. I will be able to link this into my WebQuest and direct students there so they can get some tips before their project.*